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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Empedocles, et al.

Application No.: 09/784,645

Filed: February 15, 2001

For: MICROARRAY METHODS
UTILIZING SEMICONDUCTOR
NANOCRYSTALS

Examiner: Forman, Betty J.

Art Unit: 1634

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed November 8, 2002. An after-final amendment was filed on January 8, 2003, which is within two months from the mailing date of the Office Action. An advisory action was not mailed until March 25, 2003, which is after the three month shortened statutory period. Accordingly, an extension of time is calculated from the March 25, 2003 mailing date of the advisory action. Thus, a two month extension of time is enclosed herewith, which extends the deadline for response until the six month date of May 8, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.